



# MARY, QUEEN OF THE FAMILY PARISH, BLACKTOWN

## Our Parish Mission Statement

Mary, Queen of the Family Parish is a welcoming, diverse, multicultural, Catholic community. We seek: to live, teach and share the joy of the Gospel; to grow as disciples of Jesus through prayer, witness and action and to respond to the needs of the family in the Blacktown community and beyond.

**We acknowledge the Darug people, the traditional custodians on whose land we worship.**

## Sunday, 29 Jul 2018: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time - Year B

### Communion

In past days I bought some books of Pope Francis that I'd like very much to recommend you today. I'm going to mention only three: 1. Catechesis on the Mass, which is an explanation that helps us recognise the Mass as the "Heart" of the Church. 2. The Joy of God's Mercy (No one is excluded from God's Mercy), and 3. A reflection on the Lord's prayer (Our Father) Just beautiful. We need to read treasures like these ones so that we may understand and appreciate the Eucharist.

The Gospel states that 'There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?' This weekend we have young people commencing the preparation to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Like this small boy from the Gospel, they come from everywhere, they come as they are; as a parish we are glad to have them here among us.

Jesus shows everyone that the few loaves and fish that they have, by the power of faith and prayer, can be shared with all of those people. We have here a wonderful miracle, but it is the miracle of faith, of prayer, created by compassion and love. Jesus wants to render each one of us a concrete participant in his compassion creating communion and participation. The church is enriched when we raise leaders and allow them to participate, trusting in what they are capable of doing. Jesus wants to reach everyone; He sees the crowd, feels compassion for them and multiplies the loaves; thus, he does the same with the Eucharist. With God all are satisfied. Each one of us is an instrument of communion in our own family, at work, in the parish and groups we belong to, a visible sign of the Mercy of God; since this communion is life for all and unites us all. There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism, and one God who is Father of all, over all, through all and within all. (Ephesians 4: 5-6.)

I was sad to see how in one of our Masses last Sunday, while a beautiful couple were talking to us about Marriage Encounter, about 20 people just left the Church!!! This should not happen!!! How can we better appreciate the Eucharist so that we can be more respectful of our Eucharistic celebration? Perhaps, take the chance to buy these books from Pope Francis or be part of the Alpha program, or I'm pretty sure we have other possibilities in our parish to stimulate and enliven your faith. Most of this humble article, I wrote inspired by Pope Francis, based on the books that I mentioned above.

Fr. Luis Herrera

### CONTACT US

### LITURGY TIMES

### CONNECT

#### PARISH TEAM

Parish Priest: Fr Peter Confeggi  
Assistant Priest: Fr Luis Herrera  
Deacon: George Bryan  
Business Manager: Jacqueline Castillo-Anchique  
Pastoral Associate: Lisa Bright  
Pastoral Care Coordinator: Antoinette Mangion  
Family Life Coordinator: Erin Kennedy  
Parish Assistant: Aaron Pinto  
Parish Assistant: Franchesca Tenedora  
Parish Assistant: Cate Gabriel

#### Parish Team Meetings each Monday from 1.00 - 2.00pm

**St Michael's Church**  
58 Orwell St  
Blacktown  
Office Hours:  
Sunday 8.30am - 11.30am

**St Patrick's Church**  
51-59 Allawah St,  
Blacktown  
Office Hours:  
Mon - Fri: 9am - 4pm

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#### WEEKDAY MASSES

**St Michael's**  
Mass 8:00am Mon, & Fri & 7:30pm Wed  
Communion Service 8:00am Tues & Thurs

**St Patrick's**  
Mass 9:00am Tues & Thurs & Sat  
Communion Service 9:00am Mon, Wed, Fri  
First Friday 7:30pm St Patrick's

#### SUNDAY MASSES

5.30pm Saturday Vigil (St Patrick's)  
7.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)  
8.00am Sunday (St Michael's)  
9.30am Sunday (St Michael's)  
10.00am Sunday (St Patrick's)  
11.30 am 4th Sunday - Filipino Mass (St Michael's)  
2:00pm - Sudanese Mass (St Patrick's)  
3.30pm - Syro Malabar Mass (St Michael's)  
5.30pm Sunday (St Patrick's)  
6.00pm Sunday (St Michael's)

#### Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Wednesday 7.00pm—7.25pm (St Michael's)  
Saturday 9.30am - 10.25am (St Patrick's)

#### Anointing of the Sick

First Saturday during 9.00am Mass (St Patrick's)  
or by appointment contact Parish Office

#### HOLY HOUR:

6.30pm - 7.30pm Wednesday @ St Michael's  
6.30pm - 7.30pm First Friday @ St Patrick's

#### Baptisms, Marriages, Funerals

by appointment. Please contact office for details

#### PARISH SCHOOLS

**St Michael's Primary** 9622 9910  
**St Patrick's Primary** 9621 4122  
**Nagle College** 8887 4501  
**Patrician Brothers College** 9671 3000  
**Catholic Early Learning Centre** 8814 8406  
(St Michael's)

**Institute for Mission** 9831 4911  
Fr Paul Roberts (Director)  
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**Diocesan Ministry Centre** 8838 3460

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# YEAR OF MARK - YEAR B

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: Ps 53:6,8

God is in his holy place,  
God who unites those who dwell in his house;  
he himself gives might and strength to his people.

### FIRST READING: 2 KGS 4:42-44

### RESPONSORIAL PSALM: PS 144:10-11, 15-18. R. V.16

The hand of the Lord feeds us; he answers all our needs.

### SECOND READING: EPH 4:1-6

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

Alleluia, alleluia!

A great prophet has appeared among us;  
God has visited his people.

Alleluia!

### GOSPEL: Jn 6:1-15

Jesus went off to the other side of the Sea of Galilee – or of Tiberias – and a large crowd followed him, impressed by the signs he gave by curing the sick. Jesus climbed the hillside, and sat down there with his disciples. It was shortly before the Jewish feast of Passover. Looking up, Jesus saw the crowds approaching and said to Philip, ‘Where can we buy some bread for these people to eat?’ He only said this to test Philip; he himself knew exactly what he was going to do. Philip answered, ‘Two hundred denarii would only buy enough to give them a small piece each.’ One of his disciples, Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother, said, ‘There is a small boy here with five barley loaves and two fish; but what is that between so many?’ Jesus said to them, ‘Make the people sit down.’ There was plenty of grass there, and as many as five thousand men sat down. Then Jesus took the loaves, gave thanks and gave them out to all who were sitting ready; he then did the same with the fish, giving out as much as was wanted. When they had eaten enough he said to the disciples, ‘Pick up the pieces left over, so that nothing gets wasted.’ So they picked them up, and filled twelve hampers with scraps left over from the meal of five barley loaves. The people, seeing this sign that he had given, said, ‘This really is the prophet who is to come into the world.’ Jesus, who could see they were about to come and take him by force and make him king, escaped back to the hills by himself..

### COMMUNION ANTIPHON: Ps 110:4-5

Bless the Lord, O my soul,  
and never forget all his benefits..

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### PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS

**Anniversaries:** Alfred De Hoedt, Joseph Cassan, Anthony and Joan Borg, Luke Evans, Tony & Domenica Matani, Eve Stanton, Louis Martin Cherry, John Tanti

**Special Intentions:** Pelenato Sio, Romar Abad, Jose Cordovilla Descalzo Jr

**We remember and pray for those who are ill at home or in hospital at this time:** Melanie Randa, Carlos Braithwaite, Lois Roy, Paul Clemson, Tony Clarke, Doreen Stanslaus, Dr Cherry Ann Wy, Michael Hiriwo, Sr Margaret Picone, Charles Xuereb, Leo Iannuzzi

**If you would like to include in the bulletin the name of a loved one who is ill or you are going into hospital and would like to be anointed, please contact the Parish Office on 9622 1125 or email [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au). You may also write your mass intention on the envelopes provided, indicating the time and date that you would like your intention to be offered.**



**M 30 Jul:** Jer 13:1-11; Mt 13:31-35  
**T 31 Jul:** Jer 14:17-22; Mt 13:36-43  
**W 1 Aug:** Jer 15:10, 16-21; Mt 13:44-46  
**Th 2 Aug:** Jer 18:1-6; Mt 13:47-53  
**F 3 Aug:** Jer 26:1-9; Mt 13:54-58  
**S 4 Aug:** Jer 26:11-16, 24; Mt 14:1-12  
**S 5 Aug:** Ex 16:2-4, 12-15; Eph 4:17, 20-24; Jn 6:24-35

**Daily Readings**



### Frankly Speaking...

“You pray for the hungry. Then you feed them. That’s how prayer works.”  
- Pope Francis



## FEAST OF ST MARY OF THE CROSS MACKILLOP

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MASS TIMES  
WEDNESDAY, 8TH AUGUST 2018  
9AM ST PATRICK'S CHURCH

Followed by Morning Tea and Reflection in the  
Cardinal Clancy Room by Sr Colleen O'Sullivan

Hosted by the Josephite Associates of Blacktown

WEDNESDAY MASS TIMES  
8:30AM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH  
7:30PM ST MICHAEL'S CHURCH

St Michael's Church: 58 Orwell Street Blacktown  
St Patrick's Church: 51-59 Allawah Street Blacktown



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PARISH, BLACKTOWN



**St Vincent de Paul Society**  
**PANTRY DONATIONS**

Can you help by donating the following food items to  
the Vinnies Pantry this week?

**Toilet Paper, Tea/Coffee, Sugar, Cereal, Tinned Fruit.**  
Your donations can be left in the baskets at the church doors.

When donating to Vinnies, please ensure that all food products  
are within the expiry date. Please remember that through this  
ministry we are helping people who are doing it tough and  
deserve good things.

*Women's  
Reflection Day*

9TH SEPTEMBER 2018  
SUNDAY AFTERNOON 2PM-5PM

*Connect faith with life*  
Enquiries: [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au) or 9622 1125



At Mary, Queen of the Family Parish we WELCOME, GROW and ACT



# Ministry of Communion to the Sick & Dying

ONGOING FORMATION

SATURDAY 11 AUGUST, 9:30AM – 2:00PM  
INSTITUTE FOR MISSION  
1-5 MARION ST, BLACKTOWN

## REGISTER

✉ INGRID.VERGANO@PARRACATHOLIC.ORG | ☎ (02) 8838 3456  
MORNING TEA & LUNCH PROVIDED

## Rest in Peace Br Bernard

A memorial Mass will be held to honour the life of Br Bernard Bulfin, who passed away recently. Saturday 4 August, 5.30pm St Patrick's Church



## LIFTED LIVE FEAT GENEVIEVE BRYANT

Celebrate the Year of Youth with home grown Aussie singer, songwriter and musician Gen Bryant this August! Gen will be joined by some of her own musicians from Melbourne along-side the LIFTED Band for a beautiful night of music, worship, drama, testimony, dance and prayer in a way that only a LIFTED night can create.

Open to young people aged 12 and up.  
\$5 entry fee on arrival.



## MARRIAGE ENRICHMENT WEEKEND

17<sup>th</sup> – 19<sup>th</sup> August

Mt Carmel Retreat Centre, Varroville

Take the time to step back from everyday distractions and rediscover your relationship!

Book online at [www.wwme.org.au](http://www.wwme.org.au). Alternatively, contact Adrian and Janet Sullivan on 0490 774 419 or [adrian.janet1@bigpond.com](mailto:adrian.janet1@bigpond.com).



## PARISH SHOPPING BAGS HAVE ARRIVED!

Show your support for more environmentally-friendly ways of doing your grocery shopping and show some Parish Pride while you're at it.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

THE LIFE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY OFFICE PRESENT THE 2018 "FAITH IN MARRIAGE" SEMINAR

# MARRIAGE & MEN in Contemporary Society

WITH ROBERT FALZON

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> August 7:30pm  
Institute for Mission, 1 Marion St, Blacktown  
Free event, donations welcome

## Farewell Jacqueline



Jacqueline Anchique, the parish business manager, will be moving on from the parish team on the 9<sup>th</sup> August. She is taking a position with Mercy Ministries Australia.

Jacqueline has made an enormous contribution to the life of the parish over the past seven years. Her expertise has been recognised by the diocese and greatly appreciated by the parish team. She will continue on the finance committee in a voluntary capacity until the end of the year.

Join us to farewell and thank Jacqueline at the MQOF Café on **Thursday 9th August at 9.30am.**

## MQOF FAMILY GROUP GATHERING

The family group of our parish will be meeting at the Blacktown Showgrounds on Sunday 29th July at 11:30am to 2:30pm. Families in our group, of any shape and size, meet once every few months to get to know each other, share their life and faith story and support each other, in a fun atmosphere where everyone can be as active or relaxed as they like, usually bringing some food to share.

Anybody interested in attending is invited to contact Ivan on 0414208449 for further details.



## CONFIRMATION PREPARATION 2018 HAS BEGUN!

We pray for our young candidates and their families as they prepare for the sacrament confirmation.



8th August  
10am-2:45pm  
Institute for Mission  
1-5 Marion St Blacktown



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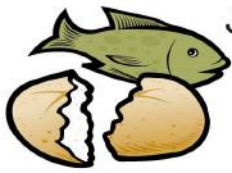
## BE INVOLVED WITH ALPHA

Join our Hospitality Team!

This team provides the food for the Alpha journey. They ensure that the focus of the night stays on the conversations about life and God by preparing and serving meals. This team also sets up and packs up the Alpha space. You can also help out with child-minding to give the opportunity to parents to experience Alpha.

Join our hospitality team by scanning the QR code above or contacting the Parish Team on 9622 1125 or at [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).





Jesus asked his disciples to help feed the hungry people. Likewise, Jesus wants us to share what we have with people in need. Draw a picture of yourself sharing with others.



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### Jean & Betty's Tours - Tuesday, 14 August 2018 Scenic World: A Day in the Blue Mountains

Pick up 8am at Greystanes & 8.30am at St Patrick's Church. Cost is \$75 per person, includes coach travel, Scenic Railway, Cable Car or Skyway (or all 3 rides for the same cost).

Call Jean for more information on 99203401 or 0425251754.

### ARE YOU BEING CALLED TO WELCOME, GROW AND ACT?

Registrations for Liturgical Ministry Formation Courses for 2018 close 9th August.



Download and complete your registration form by scanning the QR code. Email your completed form to Lisa at [admin@mqofblacktown.org.au](mailto:admin@mqofblacktown.org.au).



Sessions are held Thursdays 7pm at the Institute for Mission (downstairs), 1-5 Marion St Blacktown 2148. You attend a compulsory Introductory Session on 16th August, and your choice of: 2 sessions for *Ministers of the Word*, 23rd & 30th August AND/OR 2 sessions for *Extraordinary Ministers of Communion*, 13th & 20th September AND/OR 1 session for *Communion to the Sick and Dying*, 27th September.



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